

Apparently, she is comfortable leaving the houses and homes of our constituents in the Rocky Mountain West to burn because they built their homes in the forest. I have constituents who have homes in the forest. I am sure almost every Senator does. This tweet wasn't 30 years ago. This tweet was 1 year ago.

Who actually thinks her beliefs are different today?

Her views on firefighting are just the tip of the iceberg. In her graduate thesis, she actually argued that Americans need to have fewer children. You know why? Because she says children are a threat to the environment. She actually called children "environmental hazards."

Can you find the environmental hazard in this photo?

She told her readers to "stop at one or two."

She even made ads like this one to promote these ideas, the child as an environmental hazard. And she is the nominee of the President of the United States for an important position in this government.

She answered her own question by saying: Oh, yes, you can find the environmental hazard, "that's right, it's the cute baby."

This thesis isn't the only time she argued for human population control. In an essay in the High Country News, she said Americans were "breeding our weapons" in the war on the grizzly bear. She concludes that essay by saying: "We should wage war on overpopulation."

These are ideas you hear in communist China, not from the nominee to be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States.

Mr. President, there are many qualified Democrats who could run the Bureau of Land Management and do a fine job of it. We should reject this nomination, and the President can nominate someone else.

It is astonishing to me to see Democrats digging in to defend a proven liar, an ecoterrorist collaborator who still holds very dangerous and threatening beliefs.

Bob Abbey was the BLM Director under President Barack Obama. He said her actions "should disqualify her" from leading this important Agency. One Biden administration official admitted on NBC News her nomination was a "massive vetting failure." So Obama's BLM Director said she should be disqualified—her actions should disqualify her—and a Biden administration official calls it a "massive vetting failure."

And when our Committee asked the Interior Secretary, Deb Haaland, about Stone-Manning's views, her response was: "I didn't nominate her."

Well, no, she didn't. The President of the United States did. This is clearly not a rousing endorsement coming from fellow Democrats—the White House, former BLM Director under President Obama, and now the Secretary of Interior.

If she is confirmed, Senate Democrats will be held wholly responsible. They should consider carefully if they want their name associated with Tracy Stone-Manning. Tracy Stone-Manning should never be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

I strongly oppose her nomination. Every Republican—every Republican—strongly opposes her nomination, and Senate Democrats should do the same. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. TESTER. I want to thank you, Mr. President, the fine Senator from Georgia, for the recognition.

Look, I have been listening to the debate here, or the conversation—however you want to say it—on the floor for the last hour and a half about Tracy Stone-Manning.

I will tell you that I take advice and consent that the United States has, and the Members of this body has, very seriously. That means not just picking up talking points the leadership might give you and reciting them back on the floor time and time and time again—which, by the way, I heard the same talking points time and time and time again for the last hour and a half. But it is to find out what is going on with this person because it is our duty to make sure there are good people in these Agencies.

I wish we had taken that same kind of thought with some of the folks President Trump put forth, but it seems, though, the rules have changed.

Now we are going to take a good woman—a good woman—the State of Montana knows well. In fact, she was vetted in the State of Montana. They said all these accusations have no merit. We are going to run her through the ringer here—character assassination like I have never seen before.

But let's be honest. What is this really about? Is this about Tracy Stone-Manning? No. This is about the Republicans in the Senate trying to make Joe Biden look bad. That is what this is about. Make no mistake about it—that is what this is about.

So let's get back to the issue at hand, and that is the person who has been nominated to run the BLM, Tracy Stone-Manning—somebody I have known for the last 25 years; somebody I have worked with for the last 20 years; somebody who, when she was on my staff, worked with the wood products industry, worked with recreation folks—worked with everybody out there—to write a bill on how we could better manage our national forests with Montana input.

She is somebody who lives by the statement "You have two ears and one mouth; act accordingly." She is somebody who knows the value of collaboration. She is somebody who can listen, who can reason, and who knows our public lands and has recreated on our public lands for her entire life.

She is somebody who will run the BLM in a hell of a lot better way than

this dude by the name of Pendley, who sat in that office, unconfirmed, for months after months after months in the previous administration, and nobody on the Republican side of the aisle said a thing about him. He is somebody who wanted to sell off our public lands, somebody who really didn't care about access to them.

But we have a person today we can confirm who can, once again, make the BLM the Agency it needs to be; somebody who understands multiple use; somebody who understands that the BLM needs to be run by a professional. Tracy Stone-Manning is a professional. I would encourage everybody to vote for her.

I thank the Presiding Officer.

VOTE ON STONE-MANNING NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time has expired.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Stone-Manning nomination?

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 401 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	Kelly	Schatz
Brown	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Sinema
Carper	Lujan	Smith
Casey	Manchin	Stabenow
Coons	Markey	Tester
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Feinstein	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	

NAYS—45

Barrasso	Graham	Portman
Blunt	Grassley	Risch
Boozman	Hagerty	Romney
Braun	Hawley	Rounds
Burr	Hoeben	Rubio
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Cassidy	Inhofe	Scott (FL)
Collins	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kennedy	Shelby
Cramer	Lankford	Sullivan
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Cruz	Lummis	Tillis
Daines	Marshall	Toomey
Ernst	McConnell	Wicker
Fischer	Murkowski	Young

NOT VOTING—5

Blackburn	Moran	Tuberville
Cornyn	Paul	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid

upon the table, and the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote on confirmation of the Meyer nomination occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4, and that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR AMERICANS ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, it is my understanding the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives to accompany S. 1301.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate the message to accompany S. 1301, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 402 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	Kelly	Schatz
Brown	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Sinema
Carper	Lujan	Smith
Casey	Manchin	Stabenow
Coons	Markey	Tester
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Feinstein	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	

NAYS—43

Barrasso	Graham	Risch
Blunt	Grassley	Romney
Boozman	Hagerty	Rounds
Braun	Hawley	Sasse
Burr	Hoeven	Scott (FL)
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Johnson	Shelby
Collins	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cotton	Lankford	Thune
Cramer	Lee	Tillis
Crapo	Lummis	Toomey
Cruz	Marshall	Wicker
Daines	McConnell	Young
Ernst	Murkowski	
Fischer	Portman	

NOT VOTING—7

Blackburn	Moran	Tuberville
Cornyn	Paul	
Inhofe	Rubio	

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

IRON DOME

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, it was my intention to come to the floor to ask unanimous consent for a \$1 billion replenishment for Iron Dome. We Democrats believe that this is incredibly important for the safety and security of the State of Israel, our ally.

Unfortunately, Senator PAUL, who has an amendment to my unanimous consent request, could not be here tonight, and, as a courtesy to him, we are postponing until Monday, but on Monday I intend to come to the floor and ask for that unanimous consent.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

DEBT LIMIT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I thank my colleague.

Mr. President, so a few moments ago, the Senate voted to proceed to go into the House message on the debt ceiling suspension until December of 2022. For the information of all, this vote will only require a majority threshold and is a necessary procedural step before cloture can be filed on the House-passed legislation.

Now, despite Republicans' twisted logic for wanting the debt limit to be addressed while actively blocking that from happening, the basic facts have not changed. The debt must be addressed; it will be addressed; and America cannot default.

We Democrats are not asking Republicans to vote with us. If they want to vote to stop checks from going to veterans and payments to Social Security recipients, they can do so. But what we are saying is simply the Republicans ought to get out of the way so Democrats can suspend the debt limit.

That is what Republicans have asked for. Leader MCCONNELL talked about that idea repeatedly on the floor over the last several weeks, and it is the best way to avoid financial catastrophe without endangering the American people.

PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR AMERICANS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate the message from the House.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1301) entitled "An Act to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.", do pass with an amendment.

MOTION TO CONCUR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] moves to concur in the House amendment.

MOTION TO CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT NO. 3835

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate concur in the House amendment to S. 1301 with an amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] moves to concur in the House amendment to S. 1301 with an amendment numbered 3835.

The amendment (No. 3835) is as follows:

(Purpose: To add an effective date)

At the end add the following:

SEC. __. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3836 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3835

Mr. SCHUMER. I have an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] proposes an amendment No. 3836 to amendment No. 3835.

The amendment (No. 3836) is as follows:

(Purpose: To modify the effective date)

On page 1, line 3, strike "1 day" and insert "2 days".

MOTION TO REFER WITH AMENDMENT NO. 3837

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to refer S. 1301 to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] moves to refer S. 1301 to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment No. 3837.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To add an effective date)

At the end add the following: